



*Executive Department  
State of Idaho*

*The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation***

*State Capitol  
Boise*

## **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, children are our greatest resource and the brightest hope for the future of our state and nation; and*

*WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of our society, the unit by which we transmit our values and traditions, and the primary agent which prepares our children to become productive citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, every child – regardless of physical, medical or emotional disabilities, age or race – deserves a permanent, caring family and the opportunity to grow in a secure environment; and*

*WHEREAS, adoption is a loving and viable way of building a family and providing stability for children who need families; and*

*WHEREAS, birth parents who make the difficult decision to place their children with adoptive families, and adoptive parents who open their hearts and homes to children, all deserve community support and respect; and*

*WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month is a time for all Americans to reflect on the dreams of those children who wait for a permanent family, and those families who desire the joys and responsibilities of parenthood; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2009 Idaho adoption professionals improved the permanency outcome for children in finding adoptive families for waiting children; but our work is not done;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim November 2011 to be,*

## **ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**

*in Idaho.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-sixth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-first.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter", is written over a horizontal line.

**C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER  
GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line.

**BEN YSURSA  
SECRETARY OF STATE**